

# Hints For The Home

## Are You Living With CHAOS (Can't Have Anyone Over Syndrome)?

(NAPSA)—Are household stains preventing you from having guests over? When entertaining, are you constantly worried about protecting your beige carpets and nice upholstery from guests' dirty shoes, wine spills and food crumbs? You are not alone, and you don't have to resort to hiding stains with furniture, throw blankets or rugs moments before your guests arrive.

A recent study by Woolite Carpet and Upholstery reveals women's frustrations with cleaning stains and their need for quick and simple cleaning solutions that fit in their busy lifestyles. The study found:

- It's such a hassle to keep the living room clean that once the task is done, those surveyed said they are resistant to resuming their normal habits. In the days after tackling this room, eating (44 percent), wearing shoes (42 percent) and drinking (36 percent) are off-limits.

- Fifty-three percent admit they've covered up a stain or mess on their carpet, and 41 percent have actually moved a heavy piece of furniture like a bookcase or TV stand to cover up a stain.

- When stains are too much of a hassle, time-strapped women sometimes just give up.

Almost three in five (59 percent) reveal they'd toss a stained rug or floor mat rather than get it cleaned.



### What's the craziest way you've hidden a stain in the home?

- The messes in our homes disrupt the places in our home where we spend the most time. Over half (51 percent) of women gripe that their living rooms have soiled traffic areas that they just can't keep clean, with the bedroom (30 percent) and family room (22 percent) also big problem areas that really bother them.

The good news is that stains don't have to ruin the fun or make you reluctant to invite guests over. Here are two ideas for taking the chaos out of cleaning:

1. Instead of hiding stains with furniture, rugs and other objects, use a spot remover such as the Woolite Oxy Deep.

2. Don't throw away welcome mats just because they're dirty. Give them a quick swipe with a Woolite Rug Stick.